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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HWS*

RE: Site Inspection, LaSal Junction Mill Site, Paul Scofield, Mine, S/037/069, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: March 18, 1992
Time of Inspection: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Conditions: Cool and cloudy
Participants: Paul Scofield, Operator; Joe D. Bierschied, B & W Construction;
Holland Shepherd, DOGM

The purpose of this site visit was to follow-up on information that an unpermitted mine site had been established at the LaSal Junction, which is about 25 miles south of Moab, Utah.

Upon reaching the site I did find that a mining operation had been established behind the buildings that are found on the northeast side of the LaSal Junction. The mine operation consists of a millsite, which according to the operator, mills for gold and silver. The millsite consists of three small processing ponds, a large trailer (containing a secret gold and silver separating apparatus), a crusher screen, some kind of cyclonic gizmo, ore storage piles, waste storage piles, trailers, and a large truck turn-around area. The site is about 1 1/2 - 2 acres in extent.

I informed the operator of the site, Mr. Paul Scofield, that he needed to permit the site with the Division, even though it was on private ground. He indicated that no mining was taking place on site. I indicated to him that the operation being conducted fell under the definition of a mining operation, because of mining related activities. I gave him a copy of our small mining operation form and asked him to fill it out.

I promised Mr. Scofield that I would be contacting the Division of Water Quality to inform them of the processing operation that he had set up on site. Mr. Scofield

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was very adamant about the fact that he was not using any chemicals for his processing operation; he was only using water.

The ore used at the mill is trucked in from a site approximately 5-6 miles away from the mill at LaSal Junction. Upon checking my records, I found that we do have record of the mine site. It has been noticed and approved as required by BLM and DOGM.

According to Mr. Scofield, he obtains 1 ounce of gold for every ton of ore he processes and he obtains 6 ounces of silver for every ton of ore he processes. I might be jumping to conclusions, but it might be predicted that at these very high values, another gold rush will be taking place in the Canyons south of Moab in the very near future.

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cc: Wayne Hedberg, DOGM